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Teams visit base for NSI

BY STEPHANIE BEMROSE
THE BOMBARDIER

Multiple inspection teams are visiting Barksdale through Sept. 28 to inspect the 2d Bomb Wing for a nuclear surety inspection.

The teams include the Department of Defense, Secretary of the Air Force and Air Combat Command Inspector General's offices, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Air Force Inspection Agency.

"This is a chance to prove to the inspectors and our nation what we have known," said Col. Robert Wheeler, 2d BW commander. "Barksdale can execute all of its assigned missions and is rigorous in our adherence to Air Force standards."

"Many Airmen across all the groups have been working long hours, standing guard over Barksdale, reviewing technical orders and preparing equipment. Our Airmen are the deciding factor in any inspection, they know that, and take these responsibilities very seriously."

Lt. Col. Paul Griffith, 2d BW director of plans and programs, agrees with Colonel Wheeler.

"When it comes to a short-notice inspection, you're either ready or you're not," said "We've got great leadership and great Airmen working here, so we're ready."

However, Colonel Griffith is also realistic about the inspection.

"We've got inspectors looking at us and inspectors looking at those inspectors, and that's good because we'll get a thorough and fair assessment," he

said. "But I don't expect them to find any major faults."

Col. Todd Westhauser, 2d Operations Group commander, echoed Colonel Griffith's outlook.

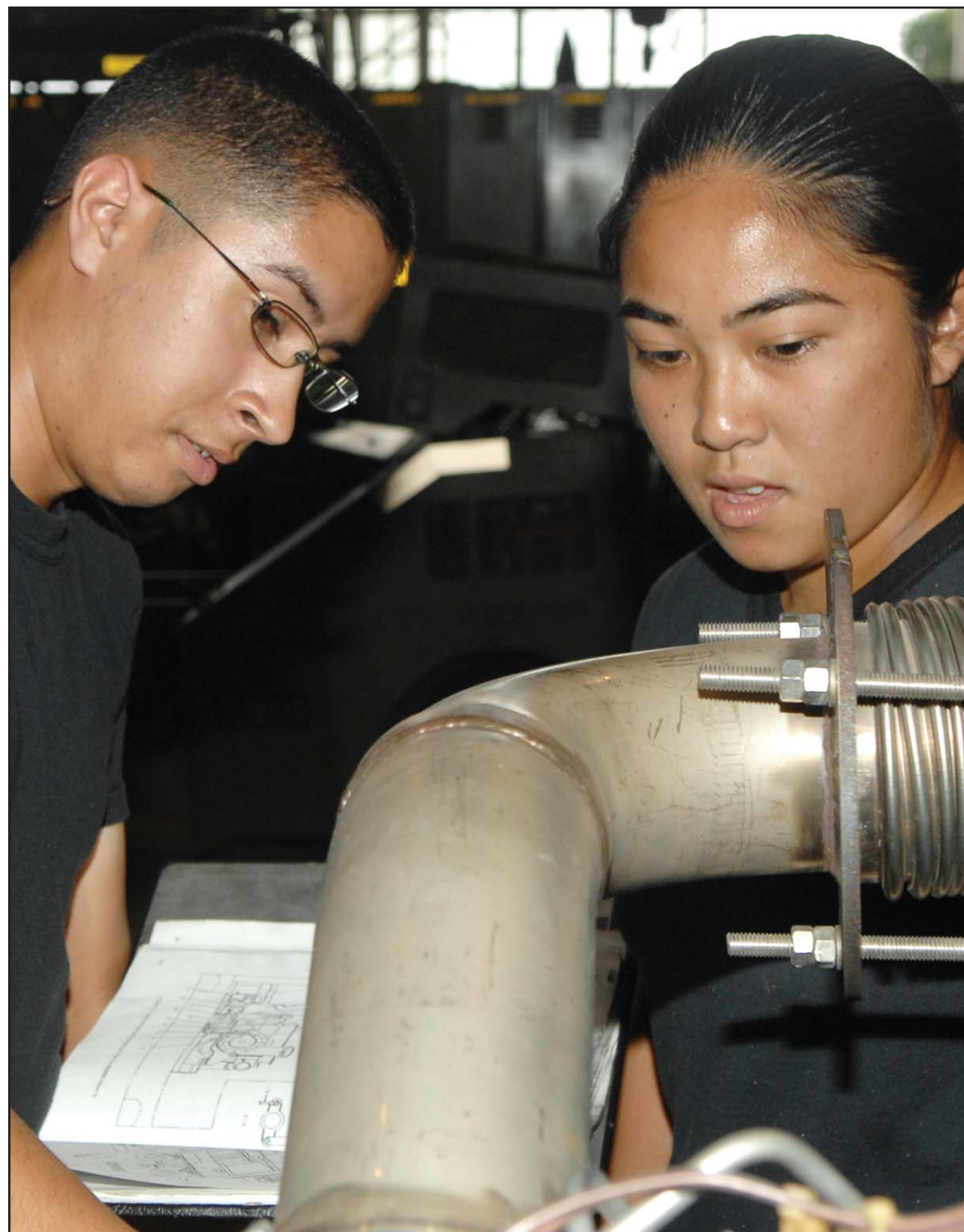
"All the groups have pulled together as one cohesive unit, and I know we will succeed," the group commander said. "This inspection will show the American public and senior leadership that Barksdale can safely perform all of its assigned missions."

According to Tech. Sgt. Rickey Brandenburg, NCO in charge of wing plans, supporting this many inspectors at one time is a daunting task. A lot goes on behind the scenes to make it happen. One vital piece of this support is the 2d Communications Squadron ensuring the inspectors have the connectivity they need to complete their mission.

"We have an unprecedented amount of inspectors on base and we've orchestrated five different teams' arrivals and getting them work spaces," Colonel Griffith said. "The communications squadron has done a fantastic job meeting their requirements on short notice."

"We're extremely grateful for everyone's help," Sergeant Brandenburg added. "Team Barksdale has truly come together as a team and our best efforts will come out shining on the other side."

Before visiting Barksdale, the inspection teams had visited Nellis AFB, Nev., and Whiteman AFB, Mo. The team is scheduled to depart base next week after providing their findings to the wing commander.



Airman 1st Class Oscar Urrea, 2d Maintenance Squadron, instructs Airman 1st Class Anna Esclamado, 2d MXS, how to rebuild the combustion can section of an air cart Wednesday in preparation for the base inspection.

Notice of active duty death

Any one having claims for or against the estate of Senior Airman Clint Huff, deceased, assigned to the 26th Operational Weather Squadron, should contact the Summary Court Officer, Capt. Patrick Williams, at 456-3648, or Patrick.Williams@barksdale.af.mil. Airman Huff came to Barksdale Jan. 4, 2006 and he and his wife, Linda, were both tragically and unexpectedly died Saturday in a motor vehicle accident.

Weekend weather



Today
Sunny

Hi: 92
Low: 66



Saturday
Isolated t'storms

Hi: 91
Low: 71



Sunday
Scattered t'storms

Hi: 83
Low: 69

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Former
SAC
commander
passes
away

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Residents
help
Barksdale
mouths stay
healthy

Sortie Scoreboard

2d Bomb Wing monthly flying goals

As of:
Sept. 12

Depicted
in sorties

Goal:

Flown:

Remaining:

Above/Below:



63

13

42

37

9

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26

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THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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18 September 2007

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force:

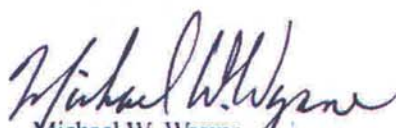
Sixty years ago today the Air Force became an independent Service. Three days before becoming the first Secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington noted in his address to the inaugural convention of the Air Force Association, "No Air Force can be created by legislative action alone. All the National Security Act of 1947 has done is to give us the green light. It must be considered an opportunity and not an accomplishment." Since that time, courageous Airmen have pushed the limits of imagination and technology to fight and win the Nation's wars.

This anniversary gives us an opportunity to reflect on where we have been in just over a century of powered flight and just over five decades of rocketry and access to space. Today we also honor the extraordinary achievements and gallant sacrifices America's Airmen have made in the defense of freedom. Born of the revolutionary ideas of military aviation and rocketry and forged in the fire of combat throughout the wars of the twentieth century, a handful of visionary pioneers helped shape the most dominant Air Force the world has ever known.

Today, our innovative, warfighting culture shines through as close to 700,000 Airmen – including our Active Duty, Civilians, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve – continue to answer our Nation's call. Of those Airmen, over 235,000 are assigned to our global Combatant Commanders, defending this great Nation through the operating domains of air, space and cyberspace. Over 35,000 Airmen are currently deployed to 120 locations around the world fighting the Global War on Terrorism.

Yet, while we are fighting today's war we are also transforming our Service to meet tomorrow's emerging threats. We are modernizing and recapitalizing our force. New aircraft, such as the F-22, F-35, new CSAR helicopter, and replacement air refueling tanker will ensure our edge in the air domain. We are also helping to maintain our technological lead in space by replacing our strategic communication and early warning satellite systems. Likewise, we are aggressively pursuing options that will position us to dominate cyberspace. These vital efforts aim to give the Joint warfighting team critical advantages in the air, space, and cyberspace. They foster Air Force cross-domain dominance – the ability to project power and create decisive and lethal effects through the air, space, cyberspace, and against targets on the ground and at sea. They provide our Nation with sovereign options.

While the Air Force is a technically-oriented Service, it is *our Airmen* that make our Air Force great. While we mark this milestone in Air Force history, we congratulate each of you. Total Force Airmen of the U.S. Air Force past, present, and future can take pride in their roles in the Air Force's success. Your service, dedication, and sacrifice guarantee our ability to Fly, Fight, and Win for America today and into the future.


Michael W. Wynne
Secretary of the Air Force


T. Michael Moseley
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

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The Action Line is an avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through the chain of command or the organization involved.

Individuals are encouraged to go that route first. If the problem is still unresolved, call the Action Line and the appropriate base agency will address the problem. Positive feedback about Barksdale is also encouraged. Please leave a name and phone number when calling the Action Line.



Col. Robert Wheeler
2d Bomb Wing
commander

Key Customer Service Numbers

AAFES Admin Office	741-3243	Fraud Waste, Abuse	456-1000
Base Operator	456-1110	Housing	456-4703
BX	752-9227	Inspector General	456-5049
Casualty Office	456-2212	Law Enforcement	456-2551
Civilian Pay	456-2741	Legal Assistance	456-2561
Civilian Personnel	456-4502	Military Pay	456-4733
Claims Office	456-5318	Military Personnel	456-3710
Clinic Patient Advocate	456-6362	Retiree Activities Office	456-4480
Commissary	456-8263	SARC	456-7272
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Directory Assistance	456-2252	Services	456-2475
Environmental Flight	456-4629	Straight Talk Line	456-3065
Facilities and Utilities	456-3071	Travel Pay	456-4733

A few words from Colonel Wheeler

The Limited Nuclear Surety Inspection team is here. You have prepared hard ... now show them what you do. This will be a tough gut check of our stewardship of national resources and our ability to conduct strategic combat. Trust but verify EVERY detail! There are no second chances in combat – the runner up is just dead. Focus, work as a team and check every detail and we will be successful. The results of the Barksdale LNSI inspection have impacts well beyond Louisiana. This matters to your nation.

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mand information.**



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Vector

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Offer opportunities for personal and professional wellness and growth

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Air Force heritage: *Continue the legacy*

BY COL. JL BRIGGS

65TH AIR BASE WING COMMANDER

LAJES FIELD, Azores, Portugal – How many of you have seen the movie, *Night at the Museum*? Remember the theme of the movie: Where history comes alive. In honor of 60 years of Air Force Heritage, I want to touch on our history as a service with a personal story.

My parents live in a retirement community of military folks in Southern California founded by Gen. Curtis Lemay, the father of Strategic Air Command. At this retirement community there are military retirees of every service and every rank. What binds them together is their service to our nation. They are WWII, Korean War, Vietnam and Cold War vets. The streets are named Twining, LeMay, Mitchell, Brown, Vandenberg, and Arnold. These are the names of Airmen who founded our service.

My story is about the history that lives there today. The same as many of you, my parents are proud of their son. When I visit, I have to make the rounds visiting friends of my parents who I do not know very much about but who know a great deal about me. It can be embarrassing and awkward but I do it because I know my parents are

just proud of me and after putting up with me as a kid, they deserve to catch a break.

Instead, my story is about the men and women I meet as I go from home to home. Some joined the Army Air Corp in 1944. Some joined our Air Force in 1947, some in 1957 and some in 1967. When I sit in their living rooms and look at their memories, it is a living tribute to the start of what we are doing today. They broke from the Army and formed the most dominant air power to ever fly the skies. They developed air and space technology that became the envy of the world. It became clear very quickly, our new U.S. Air Force would not be matched by anyone, anywhere.

Some I have talked with were POW's in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. They don't speak of the horrors of war. Instead, they talk about the brotherhood of those who love the man or woman next to them because they serve a nation they love. I read their decorations; Silver Stars, Distinguished Flying Crosses, Air Medals in the hundreds. They were warriors and victors.

In some of the houses I sit with widows or widowers who have lost the other half of their heart in the march of time. They

just want to hold my hand and talk about their time serving and living their adventures in the Air Force just like we are serving and living our adventures today. In their living rooms, our Air Force history comes alive just as vividly as the *Night at the Museum*.

I am a lucky man. When I go home, I get to spend time with the true pioneers of our service. They love our Air Force with a passion. They ask me tough questions about our future. They want our Air Force to shine today like it always has.

Here is my answer: I look them in the eye and tell them about you. I tell them our NCO's and officers are trained and fit. I tell them the latest generation of Airmen are the very best our nation has ever seen. My Airmen tell the truth and challenge the status quo. They don't settle for average in anything. I get to tell them about what standard means. How my Airmen never hesitate to go the extra mile for a fellow Airmen in need. I tell them how you stand in the rain, the wind, and sun without complaining, servicing jets, standing watch, providing support for the force, training for the future. I tell them we go down range and dominate the enemy. I let them know they can be proud. As proud as I am of

what our Air Force has been, is and will be in the future. The future is where it's at.

Airmen, it is vitally important for us to take a moment to look toward our future and recognize its significance. From our first day as a service, in the year 1947, until today, in 2007, the United States Air Force has always focused on the future of air power. This unwavering tradition of forward thinking by our Airmen is what separates us from any other military in the world, and from any other service in the Department of Defense, be it Army, Navy or Marines. Today, at this very moment, we are at war – a brutal war, with an outcome that will set the world stage for our children and our children's children.

Our Airmen are deployed in many capacities in the war on terror. Right now, we are defining air power in new ways, every day; our security forces defenders, CE tradesmen, air traffic controllers, log dogs, contracting agents, medics, cooks – all of our Airmen are being asked to do more with less and are meeting the challenges set before them with an unmistakable sense of honor and pride. This desire to put "service before self" makes all the difference.

You, ladies and gentlemen, are why I love being an Airman.

Remember to wear personal protective equipment correctly. It's not an optional accessory



Commissary invites BAFB to grand opening

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
ALYSSA MILES
THE BOMBARDIER

Barksdale members are invited to the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new base commissary at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

The opening ceremony will be held at the entrance of the new store and will feature music by the Parkway High School Band, numerous drawings for commissary gift-checks, a plasma TV, a washer and dryer, and a freezer. Several well-known characters such as Tony the Tiger and Mr. Kool-Aid will be on-hand for the festivities. Cake and several food demos will be available to patrons inside the store.

The new commissary, which has been in the works since Aug. 7, 2006, opened to the public after its soft opening on Sept. 11.

"The whole community will benefit from this store," said Ralph Buras, store director. "The new commissary enhances the shopping experience for the patrons of the Barksdale commissary. Our customers are provided a first class shopping experience."

The new commissary offers many services the old store didn't have available.

"The new design features an open ceiling and polished concrete floors," Mr. Buras said. "The

new deli/bakery features rotisserie chicken, fresh-baked breads, sushi and a decorator for special order cakes."

Although the store hasn't been open for long, the positive feedback is already making its way to the commissary employees.

"Our customers love the spacious look, the lighting, the new bakery and sushi bar and the increased deli space," said Pat Wilde, general manager. "Many shoppers really like the self-checkout lines."

The \$21 million commissary also offers updated equipment that makes work easier for the employees, as well as a better shopping experience for shoppers.

"I am excited about all the new possibilities that have been opened up to us," she said. "We have a new facility with equipment that is not constantly breaking down, good lighting that does not need bulbs replaced all the time, and new checkout stands. I feel that with the new facility we can offer top notch customer service to our patrons."

Many of the store's patrons agree.

"The selection at the commissary seems wider and the store is better organized," said Capt. Theo Panton, Inspector General chief. "I think the new features make the store look more modern.

Also, the check-out line used to snake through the aisles. Now the line is in the front, and it doesn't interfere with shopping."

Peggy Sears, military spouse, thinks it's a lot easier to shop at the new store.

"There isn't a warehouse in the back that we have to use to get additional items," she said.

Ms. Wilde is anticipating increased sales, an expanded customer base and satisfied customers with the grand opening of the store.

Col. Robert Wheeler, 2d Bomb Wing commander, Col. West Anderson, 2d Bomb Wing vice commander, and Col. Lee Gardner, 2d Mission Support Group commander, are scheduled to attend the event. Bossier City Mayor Lorenz Walker is also scheduled to attend the opening.

"The store is still a work in progress, but so far I am extremely pleased with the new facility," Ms. Wilde said. "It's still too early to predict the success of the new store. After the grand opening we should have a clearer picture of impact of the new facility."

According to Ms. Wilde, the old commissary building will be demolished gradually.

Editor's note: *There will be no early bird shopping on the day of the grand opening.*



It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from Oct. 7-13 Barksdale Fire Department is joining forces with the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association to remind local residents to "Practice Your Escape Plan." During this year's fire safety campaign, firefighters will be spreading the word about the dangers of home fires and teaching local residents how to plan and practice escape from a home in case a fire occurs. Although it's difficult to prepare for the unexpected, planning for a fire is strongly recommended...and don't forget to practice an escape plan !

OOPS!!!

The Bombardier staff would like to apologize for a misprint on page four in the Sept. 14 issue.

Staff Sgt. Courtney Thompson was misidentified as Staff Sgt. Courtney Johnson.



Slow dancin', swayin' to the music



Photo credit

Retired Senior Master Sgt. Bill Holland and his wife, Dot, dance during the Retiree Activity Office military ball Sept. 1 as band members from the 156th Army Band Jazz Combo from the Louisiana Army National Guard play in the background. The ball included 170 guests who enjoyed the band and a trio "The Remember When Group" who sang songs from the 1940s and 1950s.

Barksdale undergoes financial changes

STAFF REPORT

The Air Force Financial Management transformation currently underway at Barksdale is one more change for the better in our 60-year history.

Once complete, this transformation will provide individuals with an innovative, streamlined, and centralized Air Force Financial Services Center. Most importantly the AFFSC will encompass a Central Processing Center ensuring customers are provided 24-hour access for their base-level military pay and travel transactions and inquiries.

"We – and all of Air Force Financial Management – are transforming the way we conduct business to better provide expert decision support and analysis to commanders while continuing to provide high quality financial services to all Airmen," said Capt. Edith Coon, 2d Comptroller Squadron, Financial Services Office, flight commander.

According to John Vonglis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, "the result of this effort will save the Air Force more than \$200 million over the next 10 years, money that will be available for other programs supporting the war-fighter."

One of the cornerstones of the financial transformation effort is the opening of the AFFSC at

Ellsworth AFB, S.D. The AFFSC, which is set to open its doors for business October 2007, will centralize and transform the majority of financial services that are currently provided by 93 separate Financial Service Offices at base level.

"The AFFSC will be established through two phases, ultimately resulting in Airmen having the total force expertise of FM matters available at one location," said Roger Bick, Air Force Financial Management Strategic Planning and Transformation Program Management Office director.

Phase I will begin with the opening of the CPC in October 2007, which will focus on consolidating base-level back-shop operations.

"Such operations include, but are not limited to, processing travel and military pay documents," Bick said. "These transactions are termed 'back shop' as they are not generally seen by the customer."

Phase II operations will begin October 2008 when a "24/7" full-service contact center is established. Staff in the contact center will provide pay and travel service to customers via telephone, Web and fax.

"From this point onwards, Airmen will only need one telephone number to find solutions to their financial issues," said Lt. Col. Howard Osborne, Secretary of the Air Force Financial

Management Team. "Having a single contact center will eliminate the inconveniences that customers experience in having to fix financial issues only during regular duty hours."

To prepare each base to transition to the new AFFSC, the SAF/FMT Financial Service Transformation Team has launched a "Cut-over" initiative. Cut-over includes both the preparation for and the actual migration of the workload to the AFFSC.

The 2d Comptroller Squadron phase I "cut-over" is scheduled to begin Nov. 16. Phase I will be transparent to customers since it relates to "back shop" operations. However, due to the transformation, 2d CPTS manning has been reduced by over 40 percent in the past year, which prompted customer service hours changes earlier this year. Customer service walk-in hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to noon. Appointments are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 1-5 p.m.

"We are here to provide you the best customer service and the new change in our customer service hours will allow us to take better care of your financial needs," Capt. Coon said.

For appointments call 456-4733 or e-mail pay@barksdale.af.mil. For additional information on the AFFSC, visit www.affsc.hq.af.mil.



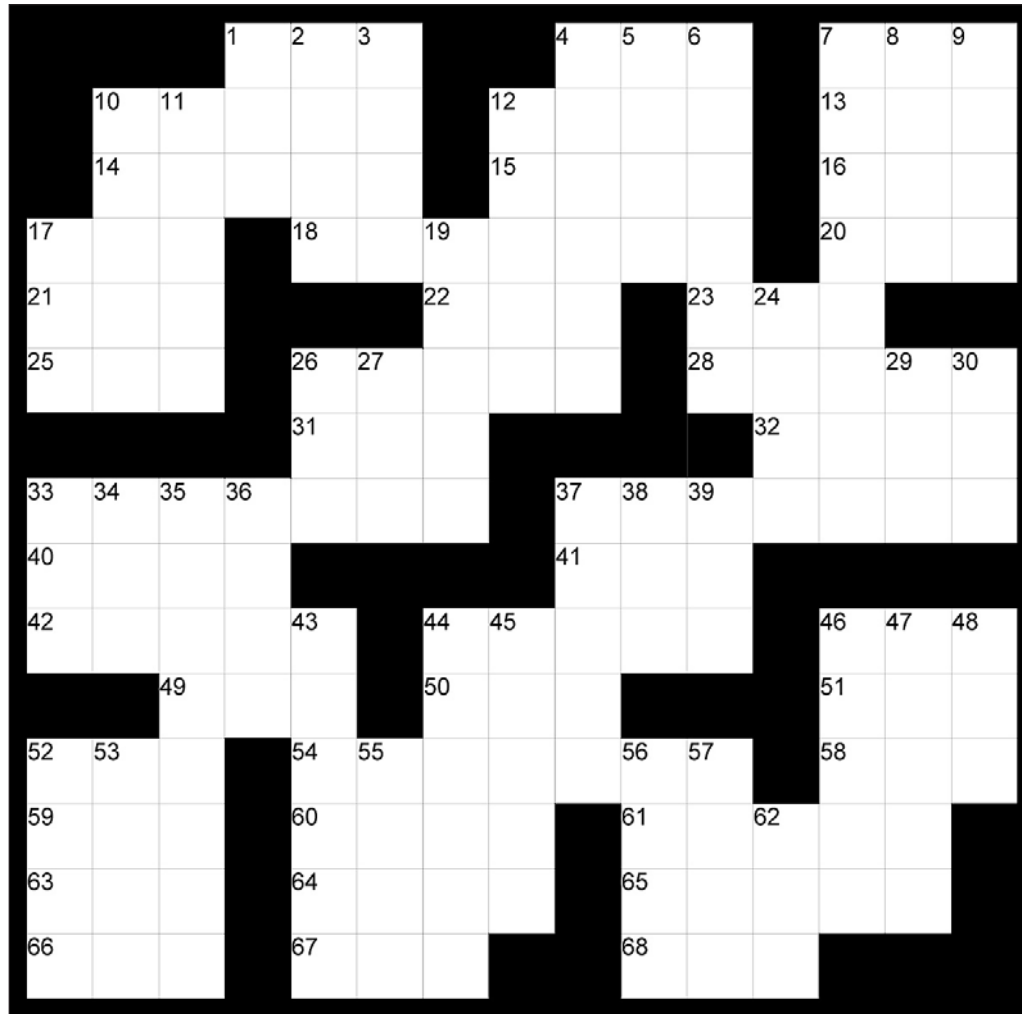
Lest We Forget

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Dollop
4. Fall mon.
7. Crazy
10. Nigerian money
12. Iranian king; sovereign
13. We ___ Marshall
14. USAF 1Lt Robert J. ___; Southeast Asia MIA 1968/02/05
15. Protagonist
16. Dog star ___ Tin Tin
17. Virtue of which all things happen or exist, Eastern religion
18. System of writing or printing for use by the blind
20. ___ Diego
21. Proper address for a male officer
22. Police code issued to find someone or something, in brief
23. Mil. pay entitlement
25. Pub order
26. Ravenous monster having a lady's head and a bird's body
28. Large African antelope
31. The "I" or self of any person
32. An excuse; pretext
33. Body part of a mammal between the thorax and the pelvis
37. USAF Capt. Thomas T. ___; Southeast Asia MIA 1968/03/17
40. USAF SSgt. Elbert J. ___ Jr.; Korean War MIA 1952/06/10
41. Macao monetary unit
42. Lake transport
44. ___ Doubleday; Union general and baseball creator
46. Winter sport
49. Sphere
50. Keanu's role in The Matrix trilogy
51. ___ jiffy; do something or get somewhere quickly
52. ___ Vegas
54. USAF Capt. Eugene M. ___; Cold War MIA 1952/10/7
58. Slim ___ snack
59. Home turf?



60. Fishing equipment
61. Middle Eastern dish consisting of sautéed, seasoned rice
63. 19th letter of the Greek alphabet
64. Metallica drummer Ulrich
65. Detached
66. USAF E-1 to E-9 evaluation form
67. 10 make a decade, in brief
68. USAF PCS entitlement

DOWN

1. Prod
2. Middle East denizen
3. USAF SSgt Joseph L. ___; Korean War MIA 1951/06/07

4. Automotive industry's legend Carroll
5. Actor James ___ Jones
6. Saturn moon
7. USAF Capt. Richard C. ___; Southeast Asia MIA/KIA 1965/09/05
8. Opera highlight
9. USAF A1C Willard M. ___; Korean War MIA 1952/02/28
10. USAF A2C Frank E. ___; Cold War MIA 1952/10/7
11. Love
12. USAF A1C Thomas G. ___; Cold War MIA 1952/10/7
17. Fed. agency that safeguards US transportation systems

19. USAF Capt. George ___; Korean War MIA 1951/04/12; repat. 1993/12/08
24. European mounts
26. Fringe
27. Iron or Bronze
29. Formerly
30. Vietnam War POW USAF Col. George ___; Medal of Honor recipient
33. Circle part
34. Actress Arthur
35. Extinct carnivorous or herbivorous reptile
36. Scent
37. ___ Hilton
38. Night prior to
39. Neither's partner
43. Gulf War POW USAF Col. David W. ___
44. Outrages
45. With ___ on; eagerly; ready to enjoy oneself
46. Vietnam War POW/KIA USAF Capt. Lance ___; Medal of Honor recipient
47. Cutting instrument
48. ___ Sam; 2001 Penn film
52. Stringed musical instrument
53. Quickly for the military
55. Close
56. Quarrel
57. USAF 1Lt Gordon C. ___; Southeast Asia MIA 1970/06/30
62. Utah town SSE of Salt Lake City



Answers to last week's puzzle

Helping hands



U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Brandon McCarty

Stuart Symington, U.S. Ambassador to Djibouti, and Army Brig. Gen. Sanford Holman, Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa deputy commander, shake hands with the students of Goubetto primary school Sept. 6 during a dedication ceremony held at the village of Balbala. The ceremony marked the hand-over of new classrooms, a stocked library, bathroom facilities, a stage area for plays and an updated power supply to the school in the village of Balbala. Also dedicated were a kitchen and food preparation area, and a dining room for the school.



Airmen in Afghanistan pay to tribute AF anniversary

BY CAPT. MARTHA PETERSANTE-GIOIA
28TH BOMB WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CAMP EGGERS, Afghanistan (AFPN) -- Coalition servicemembers and Airmen assigned to the Combine Security Transition Command-Afghanistan gathered to pay tribute to six decades of air and space power by celebrating the Air Force's 60th anniversary Sept. 14 here.

The celebration, titled "Heritage to Horizons: Commemorating 60 years of Global and Space Power," began with the raising of the Air Force flag. The event included a moment of silence in observance of POW/MIA Day, a cake-cutting ceremony and a video presentation highlighting the service's history, contributions and sacrifices made by the men and women of the Air Force, past and present.

Army Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone, CSTC-A commanding general, who served as guest speaker for opening ceremonies of the celebration, said the Air Force's commitment to core values -- integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do -- "is inspiring."

"Together with the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard forces, the United States Air Force is the best in the world,"

General Cone said. "Although the Air Force is the youngest of the four services, it's achieved so much in such a short time due to its ability to travel and cross boundaries at the speed of sound and, in my opinion, was naturally postured to capture the new technologies of the 'new age' which increased its lethality, capabilities and relevancy.

"Thank you for your service to the armed forces of the United States, your service to Operation Enduring Freedom, and your commitment to carry your full share of responsibility for the United States."

The CSTC-A was officially established on Apr. 4, 2006. Their mission, in partnership with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the international community, is to plan, program and implement structural, organizational, institutional and management reforms of the Afghanistan National Security Forces in order to develop a stable Afghanistan, strengthen the rule of law, and deter and defeat terrorism within its borders.

The event brought together the coalition forces and servicemembers in tribute and celebration to six decades of air and space power.



Tech. Sgt. Cortchie Welch

Tech. Sgt. Kirby Pyka and Senior Master Sgt. Elma Taylor raise the Air Force flag during a ceremony as part of the service's 60th Anniversary celebration Sept. 14 at Camp Eggers in Kabul. Both are with the Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan's logistics directorate. Sergeant Taylor is deployed from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. and Sergeant Pyka's home station is Eglin AFB, Fla.

PRTs help rebuild Afghanistan, one road at a time

BY STAFF SGT. MIKE ANDRIACCO
455TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan -- A joint effort between the Bagram Provincial Reconstruction Team based here and local Afghan villagers led to the opening of a new road Sept. 14 in Bagram District.

Brig. Gen. James W. Hyatt, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, was on hand to mark the ribbon cutting for a new three-kilometer paved road as well as the groundbreaking for a new district building, similar to a county seat in the United States.

"We are happy to be here with you today to share this special occasion," General Hyatt said.

Also present at the occasion were Abdul Jabbar Taqwa, the Provincial Governor; Farid Shafaq, the Parwan Shura leader;

and Kabir Ahmed, the Bagram District Chief.

The local government worked hand-in-hand with the Bagram PRT to get an assortment of projects working throughout the year, to include the two projects that were the focus of the ceremony, said Capt. Harry Jackson, lead engineer for the Bagram PRT.

"It is good to conduct both ceremonies today, on the first day of the most holy month of Ramadan," Governor Taqwa said.

The groundbreaking of the new district center was marked by the U.S. and Afghan leaders, who placed foundation stones wrapped in brightly colored ribbons at the corners of the area that will eventually become the center. As part of Afghan tradition, candy was tossed into the area for good fortune, in the hope that the sweetness of the candy would promote a successful project.

According to Captain Jackson, this project was just one of

hundreds that PRTs assist local governments with. They also perform security missions, interface with provincial governors and lead reconstruction efforts across the country. The teams also cater their programs to fit the needs of particular communities.

For instance, if a province needs a new school, the PRT will work with local contractors to help build it. If a road is needed to increase commerce between villages, the PRT will get involved.

"Through a direct partnership with local Afghan citizens and government, the Bagram PRT is helping to foster good relations and provide a better future for the people of Afghanistan," Captain Jackson said.

Editor's note: Sergeant Andriacco is a member of the 2d Bomb Wing Public Affairs office serving from a deployed location.



News Briefs

Relocation

The 2d Medical Group Pediatric Clinic has moved to the second floor of the Medical Group. Please allow adequate time to arrive at the new location and check in fifteen minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. For pediatric medical assistance/appointments please call 456-6555.

Retirements

Tech. Sgt. William Keppner, 2d Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, retires after 22 years of service at 1 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Patterson Auditorium. Dress is uniform of the day for military and casual for civilians. For more information contact Master Sgt. Jimmy Avent.

Chief Master Sergeant David Clancy, 2d Maintenance Operations Squadron, retires after 25 years service on at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Building 6614. Dress is uniform of the day for military and business casual for civilians. For more information call Master Sgt. Robert Burgess, 2d MOS, at 456-8764.

SARC

The 2d Bomb Wing SARC office is looking for highly motivated volunteer Victim Advocates for victims of sexual assault. VA duties will include providing emotional support for victims, crisis intervention and accompaniment. There is a required 40-hour training course to provide essential information, processes and resources that will enable you to assist victims. The next training class is Oct. 15-19. For more information or to sign up, call the 2d BW SARC at 456-7272 or e-mail Jennifer.coon@barksdale.af.mil.

Closures

The 2d Munitions Squadron will be performing a closed warehouse inventory during the month of September. Only emergency issue requests will be processed on a case by case basis. Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Leo Carr at 456-3170 for assistance.

Leave Issues

All permissive, terminal and convalescent leave must be turned into the 2d Mission Support Squadron commander support staff for a commander's signature. Permissive TDY's and terminal

leave must be signed prior to starting the activity. If not, there is a risk of having leave delayed or cancelled. Also, remember that convalescent leave is only a "recommendation" by the medical authority – the 2d MSS commander is the approving official.

Legal Office


The base legal office has changed their walk-in service

hours. Walk-in services for Powers of Attorney and Notaries are now 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. everyday. Wills and Advance Medical Directives remain by appointment only, walk-in legal advice remains Tuesday, Wednesdays and Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and DD Form 1840/1840R turn-in for household good claims remains 9-11 a.m. everyday. For more information, phone 456-2561 or 456-2562.


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General Dougherty, former SAC commander, dies

WIRE REPORT

ARLINGTON, Va. — Retired Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, former commander in chief of Strategic Air Command, died Sept. 7 at his home in Potomac Falls, Va.

He also served as executive director of the Air Force Association, an independent nonprofit organization that promotes aerospace power, from 1980 to 1986.

“The Air Force Association and Airmen everywhere have lost a great friend,” said AFA Chairman of the Board Bob Largent. “General Dougherty was an incomparable leader, a true icon for the United States Air Force and the Air Force Association.

“Always displaying an infectious smile and ready with a quick story to illustrate a cogent point, Russ Dougherty made a significant impact upon everyone with whom he came into contact,” Mr. Largent said. “He served our nation with great honor, and while we will deeply miss him, we will continue to benefit from his leadership and his wisdom for an eternity. We extend our sympathies to the Dougherty family. They remain in our thoughts and prayers.”

A strategic thinker and planner, as commander of SAC, General Dougherty oversaw the most lethal nuclear arsenal in the world, including bombers, tankers, reconnaissance aircraft and intercontinental ballistic missiles. He was considered an air-power visionary and served on various



government and commercial defense-related boards after retiring from the Air Force.

He was an attorney, a command pilot and a missileer. His military decorations and awards included the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He received the AFA Lifetime Achievement award in 2004.

Born in Glasgow, Ky., General Dougherty was a graduate of Western Kentucky University and the Law School

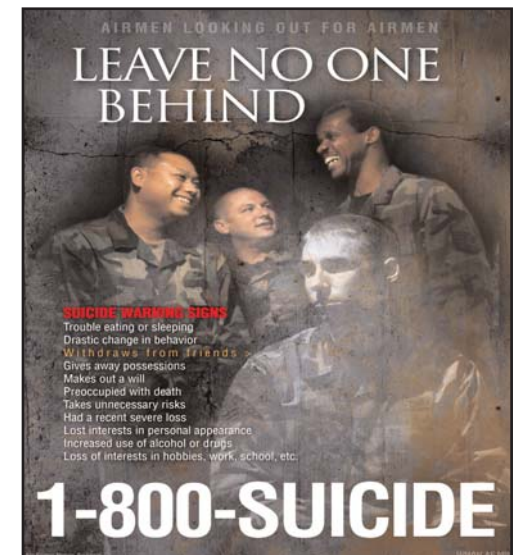
of the University of Louisville. After working for the FBI and serving in the Kentucky National Guard's 123rd Cavalry, he entered active military service as an aviation cadet in the U.S. Army Air Corps at the outbreak of World War II. In 1947, he served as a unit instructor with the Air Force Reserve at Standiford Field, Louisville, Ky.

A judge advocate in the late '40s, he moved from the legal world to fly bombers and refuelers. His post-World War II assignments encompassed Air Force, joint and international operations, maintenance and administration as well as political/military and command duties. He retired from the Air Force Oct. 1, 1977.

During the last commanders' conference for Strategic Air Command in 1992 at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., the last SAC commander in chief, Gen. George Lee Butler, announced he wanted to honor General Dougherty, his mentor. As a result, the Strategic Planning Center was renamed The Dougherty Conference Center.

In addition to numerous military awards and decorations, he was honored with five honorary doctorate degrees and was an “Old Master” of Purdue University. He is survived by his wife Barbara, son, Mark, and daughter, Diane (DeDe) Ralston. A son, Bryant and first wife, Geralee Shaaber, preceded him in death.

Per Barksdale Air Force Base Supplement 36-2903, Organizations will cease the purchase of organizational hats immediately. Effective Oct. 1, only the Battle Dress Uniform hat will be worn with the Battle Dress Uniform.





Above, left: Dr. Brancato and Jennifer Scott, 2d Dental Squadron, use a rubber dam to clean Senior Airman Nicholas Crouch, 2d Civil Engineering Squadron. The rubber dam is used to control the area where someone works in the mouth.

Dental residents keep Barksdale Airmen healthy

By Stephanie Bemrose
The Bombardier

Most people don't enjoy making a trip to the dentist. But when Barksdale Airmen take a trip to the 2d Dental Squadron, they could be helping four residents fill their requirements in several specialties.

Capt. (Dr.) Marie Brancato, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Daniel Savett, Maj. (Dr.) Jill Cherry, and Lt. Col. (Dr.) Lori Everett are attending a year-long Advanced Education and General Denti-stry program here.

Dr. Brancato said she joined the residency program for the enjoyment of learning new skills and fine-tune those she already had.

"We've only been here since July, so we're still pretty new here, but I like doing things I've never done before," Dr. Brancato said.

One skill she has learned is making gum flaps for surgery when she

does restorative dentistry.

"I never would have thought to do that, but when there is a cavity below the gumline, we can prepare the tooth and see the decay and have better access to the cavity," she explained. She also said her root canals are now quicker than they were before her residency.

Dr. Cherry said she joined the program to relieve her frustration of not knowing the newer techniques and materials the dentists around her had. She enjoys the new information she's getting.

"It's good – we're learning a lot of information and experience in just a year's time," Dr. Cherry said.

One example of new experience for her is third molar surgery, or wisdom teeth extraction.

"I had a two-week rotation in dental school of a few cases a day, but it's something that most of us don't do once we graduate, especially with in-

travenous sedation," she said. "We get a six-week rotation in oral surgery here, so everyday, all day, we know we'll get the experience by the end of the rotation."

This experience is essential to keep Barksdale Airmen healthy by taking care of their dental needs, according to Capt. (Dr.) Angela Bachtell, deputy director of Advanced Education in General Dentistry. In only three months, the residents have already provided treatment to at least 530 patients for more than 1,300 clinical procedures, equivalent to about \$75,000.

"Residents are able to do just about all the procedures that you could be referred to a specialist for, such as periodontal surgery, fillings, crowns, and extraction of wisdom teeth with sedation," Dr. Bachtell explained. "For a patient with a complicated treatment plan it's nice for them to be able to see the same doctor every visit."

Although patients provide experi-

ence for the residents, patients are also at an advantage because of this program, Sergeant Thomas said.

"Patients get the best treatment the first time rather than having to come back multiple times to have work finished," the sergeant said. "The residents work with other dentists and put their expertise together to help each other."

Sergeant Thomas said most of the requirements not a problem for residents to perform tasks to meet their requirements, except for one.

"The residents have to do denture treatments, but few active-duty have or want to have dentures," the sergeant said. "In that case, we solicit for retirees and spouses who need that kind of procedure so the residents can fulfill their prosthetic requirements."

Some people who come to the dentist are confused and they don't understand that the residents are already dentists, Dr. Bachtell said.

The Barksdale residents, unlike those at the other 11 AEGD bases, have had at least one duty assignment already, Dr. Bachtell said.

"Just because they're going through additional training doesn't mean they don't already have a degree as a doctor – they've already been through at least eight years of college and dental school before coming here," she said.

The residents also attend class here for a half a day once each week and are working on patients the rest of the time. This amounts to between 30-50 patients per week for the four residents, according to Staff Sgt. Monica Thomas, NCOIC of 2d DS residency flight.

The residents will complete the program in August, having honed their skills from evaluating a patient's oral health to providing comprehensive dental care. Another class will begin next summer.



Dr. Everett uses an articulator in the dental lab. The articulator simulates, or mimics, the patient's jaw movement for their bite.

Specialties

The specialties the residents learn are:

- Oral and maxillofacial surgery
- Endodontics – root canals
- Periodontics – treatment of the bone and soft tissue supporting the teeth – i.e. gums
- Prosthodontics – bridges, crowns and dentures
- Orthodontics – braces
- Oral Pathology
- Temporomandibular disorders – jaw pain
- Operative dentistry – fillings
- Hospital dentistry – treatment of patients with complicated medical histories
- Dental materials



The Bombardier gets to know:

Staff Sgt. Nader Chebaro, 2d Dental Squadron

How long have you been in the military? Nine years

Why did you join the military? To serve my country and travel

Who is the most influential person for you in the Air Force? My wife, Senior Airman Jessica Chebaro, because she has great work ethics and integrity

How long have you been at Barksdale? One year

What's your favorite thing to do in the local area? Spend time with family and friends

What has been your favorite duty assignment so far? Spangdahlem AB, Germany because I met my wife and got to travel all over Europe

Where is your hometown? Beirut, Lebanon

What's your favorite state, other than your home state? Florida

Where's the farthest away from home you've ever been? Kunsan AB, South Korea

What's your favorite



sports team? Oakland Raiders

Who do you admire the most? My mother

Where else have you been overseas? I was born in Beirut and I was stationed in Germany and Korea

What's your favorite movie quote? "You know what they call a quarter pounder with cheese in Paris? They call it a royal with cheese," from *Pulp Fiction*

What TV show would you like to go on? *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*

What food could you eat everyday for two weeks

and not get sick? Papa John's pizza

What's one thing your co-workers don't know about you? I tend to sleep with one eye open

What one item would you have to have with you on a deserted island? Satellite phone

What's the first thing you think of when you wake up in the morning? Is it really time to wake up?

If you only had one day to live, what would you do first? Sky dive

What is your fondest memory? The birth of my daughter

What was the best day of your life? Getting married and finding out that I'm going to be a dad

What's something you look forward to most in the next six weeks? My wife's promotion to staff sergeant

What's your favorite scent? Cinnamon

What's your lucky number? 13

Please submit "Get to Know" nominations to thebombardier@barksdale.af.mil

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At the movies

**"Stardust"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** \$2 show at 2 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 128 minutes**Cast:** Claire Danes, Robert De Niro

Synopsis: A young man named Tristan tries to win the heart of Victoria, the beautiful but cold object of his desire by going on a quest to retrieve a fallen star. His journey takes him to a mysterious and forbidden land beyond the walls of his village. On his odyssey, Tristan finds the star, however, Tristan is not the only one seeking it. As Tristan battles to survive these threats, his quest changes. He must now win the heart of the star for himself as he discovers the meaning of true love.

**"The Simpsons Movie"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** \$2 show at 2 p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 87 minutes**Cast:** Pamela Hayden, Dan Castellaneta

Synopsis: After 18 years on the air, Springfield's favorite family finally makes it to the big screen. Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie Simpson will be there, along with the regulars like Moe the bartender and Mr. Burns. Homer Simpson must save the world from a catastrophe he himself created.

**"Rush Hour 3"****Rated:** PG-13**Playing:** 7p.m. Saturday**Run time:** 90 minutes**Cast:** Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker

Synopsis: While in Paris, Lee and Carter inadvertently get mixed up with the Chinese Triad crew. LAPD detective James Carter and Chinese Chief Inspector Lee travel to Paris to battle a wing of the Chinese organized crime family, the Triads.

**"Daddy Day Camp"****Rated:** PG**Playing:** \$2 show at 2 p.m. Sunday**Run time:** 99 minutes**Cast:** Cuba Gooding Jr., Lochlyn Munro

Synopsis: Dads Charlie Hinton and Phil Ryerson take over running a summer day camp. Armed with no knowledge of the great outdoors, a dilapidated facility, and a motley group of campers, it doesn't take long before things get out of control. Up against threats of foreclosure and declining enrollment, Charlie is forced to call on his estranged father, Col. Buck Hinton, to help bring the camp together and teach everyone about teamwork, perseverance and the power of forgiveness.

Airman and Family Readiness Center

Operation Hero

This Mock Deployment designed for children of active-duty and reservists is at 10 a.m. Sept. 29 at Hoban Hall. This program will give participants a better understanding of the deployment process. All age groups are welcome, a parent or guardian must accompany their child. Please call 456-8400 to sign up.

Bundles for Babies

This program is from 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesday. This Air Force Aid sponsored program provides expectant parents with a wealth of information to enable them to be responsible parents. The program addresses financial implications, child safety, nurturing the child, as

well as available family resources. Attendance incentives include a bundle of baby items. Contact 456-8400 today.

TAP Seminar

This seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. This 24-hour workshop, facilitated by the Department of Labor, is designed to help military members and their spouses make good career decisions as they move from military service to civilian life.

Finance 101

Finance 101 is from 8-11 a.m. Wednesday. It is designed for those individuals who have questions, concerns or need guidance on how to properly and effectively handle

their finances. This class will cover checkbook management, reviewing basic budgeting, learning more about credit report information and other financial issues.

Buying A Home

This workshop is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and will provide participants with sufficient information to ask the right questions of mortgage bankers and real estate agents when pursuing their dream home.

Readiness Briefing

This Airman and Family Readiness Center program is held at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and 2 p.m. Thursdays. It is available to provide information and support dur-

ing all phases of deployment. This important briefing is mandatory for all active duty members and available for spouses, family members and/or significant others. Military members must be in uniform when attending this appointment. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. For more information, call 456-8400.

Food Pantry Donations

The Airman and Family Readiness Center's Food Pantry is no longer accepting food donations. Monetary donations are still being accepted and can be made in the form of a check or money order made out to the "Friends of Family Support". For more information, please contact the A&FRC at 456-8400.

Chapel events

Protestant services

Traditional Communion, 9 a.m., Sunday in Chapel One

Community worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Chapel Two

Inspirational gospel service, noon, Sunday, Chapel Two

Catholic services

Confession, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two Mass, 5:30 p.m. Saturday in Chapel Two, 8:45 a.m. Sunday in Chapel Two, and 11:30 a.m. Sunday in Chapel One

There will be no 8:45 a.m. Mass Sept. 23, due to the Catholic Annual Parish Picnic. The 11:30 a.m. Mass will be held at Cullen Park. For more information call the chapel at 456-2111.

Services Briefs

Kids' day

Barksdale families are invited to participate in the National Kids' Day of Play from 1-4 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Youth Center. This free event includes a balloon burst, tug of war, sponge toss, egg spoon race and more. A bounce castle is available for younger children to enjoy. Pizza will be provided. Call the Youth Center at 456-3448 for details.

Steak night

The golf is holds steak night from 5-7 p.m. Mondays. Steak meals cost is \$10 per person and the new chicken breast meal costs \$8 per person. Both meals include a salad, baked potato, vegetables and a dinner roll. A hot dog, bag of chips and fountain drink are available for children for \$2. Call 456-2263 for details.

Teen lock-in

Teens are invited to a lock-in from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sept. 28 at the youth center. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Activities include karaoke, a fashion show, basketball, dancing, various games and prizes. Pizza will be provided. Call 456-3448 for more information.

Preteen lock-in

The youth center is holding a preteen lock-in 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Oct. 5. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Fun activities include karaoke, fashion show, basketball, 3dancing, various games and prizes. Pizza is provided. Call 456-3448 to learn more.

Bounce castles

Bounce castles are available for rent at equip-

ment rental. Cost is \$60 per day for the regular bounce castle and \$80 per day for the bounce castle with the slide. Call 456-3426 for date availabilities.


2-for-2 special

Stop by the Stripes Lounge or Hangar II on Wednesdays for the 2-for-2 special. Two beers or two sodas cost \$2. Call 456-4926 for details.


Support the flight kitchen

Support the flight kitchen by eating in instead of ordering carry out. The flight kitchen can save up to \$16,000 monthly on paper goods by dining in the facility. Only personnel in duty uniform going or returning to work may request the carry out service. Call 456-4769 for more information.

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Softball: Airmen to represent Air Force in tournament

1st Lt. Amber Balken
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HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah – Fifteen Airmen have been selected to represent the Air Force in the 2007 All-Armed Forces Women's Softball Championship Sept. 18 to 20 here.

Twenty-six women from across the Air Force gathered here to compete for a spot on the Air Force team. At the end of the week-long camp, 15 women were chosen to compete for the gold at the softball championships.

"The camp was quite challenging," said Airmen 1st Class Brandi Jackson, a rookie on the team from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. "Overall, this has been a great opportunity."

The training camp has been tough but fair, according to head coach retired Senior Master Sgt. Cheryl Trapnell. She and her assistant coach, Airman Rob Hofmann, from Hurlburt Field, Fla., have im-



Staff Sgt. Darleen Rayburn, from Kadena Air Base, Japan, takes a swing during tryouts for the 2007 All-Armed Forces before the Women's Softball Championship held Tuesday through Thursday at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Fifteen Airmen were selected to represent the Air Force in the championship out of 26 from across the Air Force who competed for spots on the Air Force team.

plemented what she refers to as the "Jack Hayes" coaching style, a system based on statistics.

During the nightly scrimmages, the coaches allowed

the team to self-coach while they documented statistics on each player. When it came time to make the cuts, the coaches had concrete evidence to support their final team

line-up decision.

"These scrimmages brought out the inter-squad competition and allowed the team to really work together," Coach Trapnell said. "They also al-

lowed us (coaches) to see who would step up and become a leader for the team."

The women were selected for training camp on the talent that they already possess, Coach Hofmann said. "We are not here to build ballplayers -- we are here to build the best possible team to represent the Air Force."

"One of our challenges will be the age gap between veteran players and newly recruited rookies," said Tech. Sgt. Karrie Warren, from Tyndall AFB, Fla. "We are a young team, but very talented."

"These are 15 of the best softball players the Air Force has to offer," said Coach Trapnell. "It is an honor to be on this team, an honor to be invited to camp."

The All-Armed Forces Softball Championship is scheduled to begin Sept. 18 at 8 a.m. with the Army vs. the Marine Corps. The Air Force will face off against the Navy immediately following.

Use the wingman system to avoid driving after drinking.

If your "Plan B" falls through, call AADD, 456-0013.



Sports Shorts

All ranks football

All ranks football is back Sundays at Stripes Lounge. The lounge is open from noon to 11 p.m. and broadcasts non-stop football on the big screen televisions. Call 456-4926 for details.

LA State Hunter Safety Course

Outdoor recreation is holding a Louisiana State Hunter Safety Course at the forestry office Sept. 27-29. Times are 6-9 p.m. Sept. 27-28 and 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 29. This course is free. Please sign up in advance by calling 453-0991 or 456-7765.

Personal trainer

The fitness center now offers the services of a Cooper certified personal trainer for its guests. Goal setting, customized programs, supervised workouts, diet advice, motivation, progress tracking and more are now available. Personal training takes fitness to the next level and improves PT scores. Call the fitness center at 456-4135 for details.

3-D archery

A 3-D archery tournament is scheduled for Sunday. Professionals participate for only \$25, non-members for \$10, members, youth and cubs for \$5 and peewees participate for free. Anyone without base privileges must register by the Monday before the event. IBO scoring of 12-10-8 with one arrow 10/40 practice range. Call 456-7765 or email outdoorrecreation@barksdaleservices.com for details.

Tennis lessons

The fitness center is pleased to announce that tennis

lessons are being offered at the North gate courts. The USPTA certified tennis instructor has experience teaching all levels of players from beginners to advanced as well as all ages from children to senior adults. He is one of two professionals at the Cockrell Tennis Center in West Shreveport and is an International Coach for Youth Olympics with People-to-People in Spokane, WA. Group and individual lessons are available for players of all skill levels. Contact the fitness center at 456-4135 to receive pricing information or to sign up.

Penny-a-pin night

Take advantage of penny-a-pin nights 6-9 p.m. each Wednesday at the bowling center. Bowlers pay one penny for each pin that falls during the game instead of the regular bowling price. Call 456-4133 for specifics.

Basketball competition

A lay-up and block competition is 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at the fitness center. Call 456-4135 to learn more.

Aerobithon

An aerobithon is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 27 at the fitness center. Call 456-4135 for details.

Northwood challenge

The Northwood challenge is 9 a.m. Oct. 27 at Northwood Country Club. Participants must arrive early to register. A sign up sheet is available in the club house at the tournament table. The tournament is limited to the 40 players to sign up. Call the golf course at 456-2263 for more information.